

46 FABLES in VERSE.

He lost his cargo, sav'd his life,
But weary of the main,
With joy return'd to his dear wife,
And his old trade again :
Soon after, feeding of his sheep
Upon the self-same shore,
He saw just such a flatt'ring deep,
As took him in before.
Yes, yes, says he, but who's fool then,
You want more figs I see ;
But if I e'er trust you again,
May no man e'er trust me.

M O R A L.

In ev'ry station, art and trade,
Man happiness may find;
Unless ambitious views invade,
And captivate the mind.

R E F L E C T I O N.

The shepherd's case is really that
Of every stupid ass,
Who quits a solid good for what
May never come to pass.

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The RAVEN and SNAKE.

As basking on a sunny bank,
A snake extended lay,
A hungry raven, seeking food,
Came prowling by that way ;
With talons strong and eager grasp
He seiz'd the speckled prize,
But stung by the revengeful worm,
He in the conflict dies.

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